

## Iron County Register.

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BRONTON. MISSOURI.

EMPEROR WILLIAM of Germany arrived at Kiel, on the 22d, to attend the swearing in of the naval recruits.

NEW YORKERS had the advantage of celebrating two holidays in one on the 25th. It was not only Thanksgiving day, but also Evacuation day, the day when is celebrated the departure from New York of the British troops.

DURING the week ended November 27 failures throughout the United States, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., were \$26, against \$50 for the corresponding week last year. For Canada the failures were \$5, against \$3 last year.

ADMIRAL SIR AUGUSTUS PHILLIMORE, K. C. B., retired, died in London on the 25th. He was born in 1822, was made a rear admiral in 1874, a vice admiral in 1879 and an admiral in 1884. He retired from the service in 1887.

THE Madrid Imparcial strongly opposes the granting of tariff autonomy to Cuba, declaring that unless Spanish products are admitted to that island on preferential terms, geographical conditions will compel the peninsula to renounce the Cuban market.

THE grand jury convened in special session in Taunton, Mass., on the 23d, found indictments against W. Shay and Frank Ford, common councilmen of Fall River, for soliciting bribes in connection with the awarding of contracts for furnishing a school.

GEN. WEXLER, addressing a number of his friends shortly after his arrival in Barcelona, expressed great regret at his recall from Cuba, adding that he was particularly grieved at the attitude of certain newspapers, which declared he favored the insurgents.

At the Metropolitan M. E. church in Washington, where President McKinley attended services on the 25th, Rev. B. S. Johnston read the Thanksgiving proclamation of the president and said that, in issuing it, the president showed piety and wisdom which augured well for the nation.

THE president, in his forthcoming message, will, it is expected, devote more attention to Alaska than has been given to the big territory since its purchase. It is known that the executive will recommend speedy legislation to secure the best possible government for the territory.

MR. CHARLES M. LORING, the father of the Minneapolis (Minn.) park system and a prominent manager, who was forced to make an assignment some two years ago on account of indorsements, has effected a settlement with the return to him of a material portion of his estate.

THE London Bimetallist league is about to issue a manifesto defining its position and policy in view of the recent negotiations between the United States monetary commission and the British government. The executive committee of the league is divided on the question of ratio.

THE Cuban constituent assembly, which met recently at Camaguey to remodel the constitution and elect a new president, issued a manifesto which declared, among other patriotic sentiments, that "Independence or death is the motto of the Cubans."

THE great trial, in the City of Mexico, of Arroyo's murderers terminated, on the 23d, when sentence of death was pronounced on ten of the police officials and policemen, who were the butchers of the hapless wretch who recently made an audacious attempt on the life of President Diaz.

THE countess of Lathom, while returning from a shooting party, on the 23d, was thrown out of the trap and killed near Wigan, Lancashire. The countess was formerly Lady Alice Villiers, second daughter of the fourth earl of Clarendon. She was married to the earl of Lathom in 1860.

EXPORTS of general merchandise from the port of New York, for the week ended on the 23d, were valued at \$10,041,468, against \$7,478,068 in the preceding week, and \$7,721,265 in the corresponding week of last year; and since January 1, \$350,628,889, against \$334,640,817 in the corresponding period of last year.

THE five survivors of the crew of the alleged filibuster Competitor, recently pardoned and released from Spanish prisons in Cuba, arrived at New York, on the 23d, on the steamship Saratoga. The descriptions of the men and American citizens, as furnished by the press dispatches, was pitiable in the extreme.

THE coal mining strike in the northern Illinois district ended on the 23d, when the miners went back to work in the Coal City, Broadwood, Carbon Hill, Spring Valley, Lodi, Seatonville, La Salle and Oglesby field. One thousand men remained out at Streator. The settlement was the result of a compromise. The strike had lasted nearly five months.

MARSHAL BLANCO, the captain-general of Cuba, has been authorized by the government at Madrid to sign a credit of \$100,000, to be devoted to the immediate relief of the suffering peasants who have been gathered in the vicinity of the towns occupied by the Spanish troops, as a precautionary measure, and who have been suffering hardships and privation.

THE clause in relation to the tariff in the Spanish government's proposed scheme of autonomy for Cuba provides for the creation of a mixed commission to be composed of Cubans and Spaniards, which is to fix the tariffs. The rates fixed by the commission are to be adopted by the Cuban chamber of deputies and then approved by the cortes before they become effective.

OVER 300 American men and women and a few English guests celebrated Thanksgiving day by a dinner in London on the evening of the 23d. The party included John Hay, the United States ambassador and his wife and daughter; Henry White, secretary of the United States embassy, and many other noted personages. Many happy speeches were made.

## NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

THE United States treasury, on the 23d, received from the reorganization committee of the Union Pacific railway \$13,645,350 in cash on account of the purchase of the road, and turned over to the committee that amount in bonds which had been on deposit with the government in the sinking fund of the road.

SAN FRANCISCO and Puget Sound gamblers are preparing to reap a Klondike harvest on a scale scarcely less extensive than the big transportation companies. They will open big hotels and gambling resorts from St. Michaels to Dawson and at Dyea, Weavertown and Juneau.

JOHN DENMARK, a farmer, was shot while sitting in his arm chair in the dining-room of his home near Van Etten, N. Y., on the 21st. The muzzle of a double-barreled shotgun was forced through the glass in a window, and at short range the murderer in the dark blazed away with both barrels.

ANGEL PAZ, who betrayed the Cuban Gen. Castillo to the Spaniards for \$5,000, was executed by the insurgents on his way to Cienfuegos, tried by a drumhead court-martial and hanged.

CAPT. LEONARD A. LOVERING, of the Fourth infantry, stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill., appeared before a court-martial at St. Louis, on the 23d, to stand trial on the charge of "conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline," the specific charge being the causing of Private Hammond to be dragged over the ground by the heels from the guard house to the office of the regimental adjutant.

AN ARREST of six years and six months each, at hard labor, in the eastern penitentiary and the costs of the prosecution was imposed by Judge Butler, in the United States district court at Philadelphia, on the 23d, upon John B. Meixell, ex-cashier, and Willie E. Hoch, ex-teller of the South Bethlehem (Pa.) national bank, both of whom pleaded guilty to embezzlement.

JOHN O'REILLY, widow of the late John Boyle O'Reilly, the patriot poet and editor, died at her home in Boston, on the 23d, of pneumonia.

THE United States torpedo boat Porter, driven ashore at Savannah, Ga., on the 22d, to arrange for a visit of the Ericson. The Porter made the trip from Port Royal in three hours.

ON the 23d Assistant Secretary Roosevelt submitted to the secretary of the navy the report of Lieut. Gibbons, who had charge of naval mines at Port Royal, and who stated in high terms of the operations of the naval militia and is approved by Mr. Roosevelt.

TWO SCHOONERS, the Klondike, the Nellie Coleman, which carried two passengers, will take her owner, Adelbert E. Cladin, aboard when she reaches Seattle, Wash. The Stowell Sherman had 12 passengers, who constitute a co-operative organization.

HERBERT WISWALL, a Boston capitalist, who fell down a stairway in the Grand theater at Atlanta, Ga., recently, is now in St. Louis, a prisoner. A coroner's jury found that the fall was accidental. The remains were shipped to Boston.

EMELINE H. RUDD, widow of Commodore John Rudd, United States navy, was arraigned in court at New Brighton, Staten Island, on the 23d, to answer to the accusation of stealing a quantity of jewelry from a house in which she had recently boarded. Mrs. Rudd admitted that she had taken the property, but said that she could not tell why she had done so.

THE steamer Moana of the Union Steamship Co. of New Zealand, which sailed from Sydney, N. S. W., on the 23d, for San Francisco, carried \$275,000 in gold.

By an explosion in a fireworks factory at Schoenhausen-Allee, Germany, on the 23d, one man and two girls were killed and seven other persons were injured.

In reply to a statement recently made by Minister De Lome, Gen. Gomez, chief of the insurgent army in Cuba, charges Spain with the destruction of \$77,000,000 worth of Cuban property and the loss of 115,000 pacificos.

FRANK A. NOVAK, who was chased 22,000 miles and finally captured at Dawson City, in the Klondike gold region, was convicted at Cedar Rapids, Ia., on the 23d, of murder in the second degree, the killing of Edward Murray, and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

THE bonded warehouse of the Ravenswood Distilling Co., at St. Louis, was burned, on the night of the 23d, and with it 200,000 gallons of spirits. The loss will exceed \$100,000. The distillery buildings were saved.

PRINCE HENRY of Prussia, brother of Emperor William, is to take command of the German squadron in Chinese waters.

JOHN E. LIGGETT, former president of the Liggett & Meyers Tobacco Co., and one of the wealthiest residents of St. Louis, died, on the night of the 23d, of heart disease. Mr. Liggett was born in St. Louis in 1836. He was noted for his charities, both public and private.

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THE millinery and furnishing stores of Apt Bros., 39 and 41 North Eighth street, Philadelphia, were damaged by fire, on the 23d, to the extent of \$17,000, on which the firm carried \$50,000 insurance. The building was damaged to the extent of \$10,000, covered by insurance.

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WILLIAM HUNTER, a switchman on the Missouri Pacific railroad, fell from a freight train in the company's yards in St. Louis, on the 25th, and was decapitated by the wheels of the car.

HERR ALFRED VOX SALETZ, director of the Coin museum in Berlin succumbed to an attack of influenza on the 26th.

WHILE drunk, on the 26th, Antonio Milagros, of Erie, Pa., threw a can of coal oil in his wife's face, which caught fire from the lamp, and the fire, enveloping her in flames. A help arrived in time to prevent her from burning up where she stood. The woman was laid on her bed, and when the officers arrived they found Antonio standing over her plucking the cooked flesh from her breast and arms in fiendish glee and cursing like a demon.

MRS. CAROLINE ABKE, aged 70 years, who lived alone near Leavenworth, Kas., was found dead in her home on the 26th. Marks on her neck indicated that the woman had been choked to death. A lock on an outside door had been broken, apparently by burglars, and the house was ransacked. Mrs. Abke was eccentric, and was believed to possess considerable money.

THE armored cruiser Brooklyn was drydocked in the timber dock at the New York navy yard in Brooklyn on the 26th. Because of the ship's immobility, the task of getting it into the dock was looked forward to with some anxiety. It was accomplished, however, with little trouble and slight damage.

COL. GEORGE A. BUTE, a prominent mining man of Telluride, Col., is missing, and his friends in Telluride believe that he has been murdered. He had a large sum of money when he left that camp.

HIRAM MAXIM's new rapid-firing gun was tried at Portsmouth, England, on the 26th, with remarkable results. With 35 pounds of cordite it showed an effective range of 16,000 yards.

PRESIDENT McKINLEY is a firm believer in the doctrine that the best way to preserve peace is to be prepared for war. He desires peace with Spain; therefore, he is making preparations which are calculated to inspire the belief in the minds of the hot-blooded Spaniards that if they provoke war, they will be inviting their downfall.

CONSUL-GENERAL LEE has reported to the state department that the number of American citizens in Cuba dependent upon the appropriations made by congress is now 1,607. Of the suffering Americans 750 are in Havana province, 253 in Matanzas, and the others are scattered in the remaining provinces.

THE Chinese merchants of San Francisco have combined to suppress the murderous highbinder societies. These business men have signed a compact not to submit to further blackmail, and without their usual income are highbinders will be forced to leave the city or go to work.

THE Madrid Official Gazette publishes the royal decrees granting autonomy to Cuba and Porto Rico, thus removing the anxiety that had begun to be expressed on all sides as the result of the government's reticence and unexplained delay.

THE naval trial board has made a report upon the recent two-days' trial of the big battleship Iowa at sea. The report thoroughly sustains Commodore Dewey's comment that the ship is as fine a type of her class as there is in the world.

A DISPATCH to the Frankfort (Germany) Zeitung from Rome, on the 26th, reported that a sanguinary conflict had taken place between the French and British at Nikki, in the Lagos Hinterland, in which the British were worsted.

SECRETARY LONG has recently placed with the American Ordnance Co. orders as follows: Ten thousand six-inch shells, 15,000 one-pounder shells for rapid-fire guns, 25,000 armor-piercing shell tips, 80 rapid-fire shell guns.

AN unofficial report says the Lovering court martial at Fort Sheridan, Chicago, returned a verdict of guilty as charged in the specifications, with the recommendation that Capt. Lovering be reprimanded by the reviewing authority. This was the case of the brutal treatment of Private Hammond.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

A TELEGRAM received at Port Townsend, Wash., on the 28th, from Washington, D. C., stated that Maj.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles had submitted to the secretary of war a letter in which he recommended that Fort Townsend be occupied by troops immediately. A later dispatch from Washington said that Secretary of War Alger had not been apprised of Gen. Miles' intention to garrison Fort Townsend.

THE British steamship Kensington, Capt. Frageret, arrived at Philadelphia, on the 28th, from London after a tempestuous voyage that lasted all the way to the Delaware capes. Her decks were broken, bridge smashed, stanchions bent and twisted and her entire cargo of 30 drums of naphtha and a large quantity of phosphorus washed overboard.

CAPT. F. L. HOWE has designated January 10 as the day for his "boom" if no action toward opening it shall be taken by congress prior to that date. Secretary Bliss has directed that the Indian police be reinforced by regular troops, if necessary to prevent the incursion.

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## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Railroad Passengers Have Rights. According to decisions handed down by the Kansas City court of appeals, a railroad company must deliver its passengers safely at a safe place or be responsible for injuries that may result from its neglect to do so.

Mary Ann Spry, together with her three children, boarded a Missouri, Kansas & Texas train at a station in Howard county to go to Nevada, Mo. It was very bad weather, and was raining while at Sedalia, the train did not pull up to the union depot, but stopped at what the road calls its Fifth street depot, telling the passengers the train would go no further, because there had been a flood and washout on the other side of Sedalia. The passengers, including Mary Ann Spry and the three children, got off at the Fifth street depot to wait for another train that would go on by another road. But the little depot was small and dirty, and the passengers were forced to wait in the rain and snow and mud that lay in that dirty place. She did it, and she would rather walk to the union depot than stay in that place. The court in Howard county said she could recover from the company, and she did, getting a judgment for \$2,000. The court of appeals affirmed the decision, saying it was the business of the railroad company to provide for its passengers a clean, comfortable place to wait, and deliver them safely there.

Another case was that of John Talbot, who sued the Chicago & Alton Railroad Co. because its trainmen did not deliver him safely at the depot platform at Clark, Mo. The train pulled up to the depot platform, but the steps of the rear coach did not quite reach it. The porter opened the train gate for Talbot to get out, but he stepped on the ground, but on a rock. His ankle turned, and he was thrown heavily to the ground. He sued the company, and the court of appeals said he was entitled to it.

Thought Transference. The Thanksgiving proclamations of Gov. Stephens of Missouri and Gov. Pingree of Michigan bear a striking resemblance. Gov. Stephens issued his message November 1 and Gov. Pingree November 25.

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## CUBA'S ULTIMATUM.

Pronouncement of the Constitutional Assembly.

Independence or Death Their Motto—Noting That the Spanish Government May Grant That Means Spanish Sovereignty Over Cuba Acceptable.

New York, Nov. 27.—The Cuban constituent assembly, which met recently at Camaguey to remodel the constitution and elect a new president, issued a manifesto which reached the office of the Cuban junta in this city yesterday. The document is dated Mayaya, October 30, and is signed by Domingo Mendez Capote, as president of the assembly. The manifesto is addressed by "The representatives of the Cuban people to all those who have the independence and future welfare of Cuba at heart."

"The document says that the assembly, before adjourning, deemed it its duty to proclaim, among other things, that: 'No special laws, no political reform or autonomy, nothing, in short, that the Spanish government may be willing to grant that means Spanish sovereignty over Cuba, shall be accepted by the Cubans as a settlement of the war.' 'Independence or death' is and shall be the unalterable and sacred motto of the Cubans. 'The Cubans have not resorted to arms in order to obtain any political measure which does not once and for all solve the Cuban question. That is the reason we will accept nothing short of absolute independence. 'It is our purpose to constitute an independent state, orderly, prosperous and happy, over the ruin of a wretched colony. 'We are firmly determined to carry on the war until victory or death crowns our efforts.'"

LONG STRIKE ENDED.

Another Settlement in Which the Victors are the Losers.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—The coal mining strike in the Northern Illinois district ended yesterday. Twelve thousand men have gone back to work in the Coal City, Broadwood, Carbon Hill, Spring Valley, Lodi, Seatonville, La Salle and Oglesby field. One thousand men remain out at Streator, the only point where miners and operators have not agreed. A settlement there is expected within a week.

Victory is with the miners, although they have not won all they asked. Their chief demand was for a "mine run price"—that is, a rate per ton as the coal comes from the mine, unscreened. This has been conceded in some places. Where the rate remains fixed on the price per net ton a substantial advance has been won. The increase in wages all through the district amounts, approximately, to 10 cents a ton over the schedule made last May.

The strike has been on since July 4. It started as a part of the general strike ordered by the United Mine Workers of America.

The Pennsylvania and Ohio miners settled their differences early in September. In Indiana work was resumed about the same time. The 30,000 miners in Illinois refused to ratify the terms of the agreement made at Columbus, O., and continued the strike.

RIOTING IN PORTO RICO.

Drink and Enthusiasm Got Returned Prisoners Into Trouble.

HAYANA, No. 27.—Advises just received from Porto Rico say that a riot occurred there Thursday. It appears that a steamer having on board a number of political prisoners recently released from the Spanish penal settlements on the African coast, in accordance with the amnesty decree, arrived there, and the liberated men went away to a drinking saloon, partook of stimulants and began cheering for the United States, crying "Hurrah for free America." This demonstration was resented by the crowds about the place, and rioting followed. The police were called upon to interfere and compel the liberated men to re-embark.

During the disturbance the police captured the insurgent colonel Alipo Sanchez, who is described as being incognito in Porto Rico.

Senor Marcos Garcia, the governor of Santa Clara, has arrived at Sagua in order to be better able to judge of the condition of the concentrated. From this day on these unfortunate people will receive rations.

The Spanish authorities yesterday released from prison Thomas J. Jordan, a prisoner captured, according to the allegations, after the landing of an expedition by the American steamer Three Friends, and counsel Hernandez, who is said to have been a member of another filibustering expedition. Both men were under sentence of death.

RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM.

The Winter Government Continuing to Redress Its Pledges.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Nov. 27.—The government of Sir James Winter, continuing the policy of reform and retrenchment upon which it entered immediately on assuming office, has appointed a civil service committee to inquire into and reorganize the various public departments. Many dismissals are being made of unnecessary officers, and the cabinet is confident of being able to reduce the colonial expenditures \$100,000.

OHIO LEGISLATURE.

The Fusion Republicans Will Vote for the Census Nominee.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 27.—At the recent election the fusion ticket which carried this county contained nine democratic and five republican members of the legislature. There has been some doubt as to how the republican fusionists would vote on joint ballot for United States senator. They decide to vote for the republican caucus nominee, which will make the legislature stand 80 republicans to 65 democrats on joint ballot for senator.

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## TOWNS LAID IN RUINS.

Effects of an Explosion of Nitro-Glycerine—Eighty Quarts of the Stuff Let Go—One Man Fatally Wounded—Two Others Seriously Injured; a Team and Engine Blown to Atoms, and Three Towns Badly Wrecked.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 27.—A special from Anderson, Ind., to the Evening Post, says:

Chesterfield, Ind., was almost wiped off the earth at an early hour by the explosion of 80 quarts of nitro-glycerine, which had been brought overland from Montpelier and placed in an open field, a half-mile from the town. Marion Mansey and Sam Maguire were working at a gas well near by, when the explosion occurred. Mansey was thrown 50 feet, but not fatally injured. Maguire was thrown fully 100 feet in the air and badly lacerated, but will recover. James Gold's house, 300 rods distant, was torn to pieces. The explosion tore a hole in the ground down to the water level, and so far as is learned, it was spontaneous. A three-ton engine was torn to fragments, and every living animal was killed instantly. The little town of Chesterfield is a mass of ruins. Every house was moved from its foundation, windows shattered, doors smashed in, every light put out and the plastering shaken from the walls. Several people were shaken out of bed.

At Daleville, two miles away, and at Yorktown, five miles distant, the damages were almost as great. Many people were injured, and it is a miracle that none were killed outright.

The fear of the explosion was felt for 15 miles in all directions. The gas in the well was blown out, and a workman named Cooper lit it and caused another explosion in which he was fatally burned.

The damage cannot be estimated.

IOWA'S OFFICIAL VOTE.

Result of the Canvass Just Completed by the Executive Board.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 27.—The executive council has completed the work of canvassing the vote cast at the recent state election for supreme judge, superintendent of public instruction and railroad commissioner. The vote on governor and lieutenant-governor, in accordance with the new law, will be referred to the legislature and officially canvassed by that body, so that Gov. Shaw's plurality will not be known for several weeks. The vote received by the candidates for state offices, as canvassed by the council, follows:

Supreme Judge—Waterman, 226,634; Kline, 188,608; Lowenberg, 5,655; Babb, 4,193; Helver, 7,695; Kolmetz, 910. Waterman's plurality, 38,026; majority, 19,013.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—Barrett, 226,637; Rinehart, 188,304; Carter, 5,473; Knoepfer, 7,691; Rindler, 904. Barrett's plurality, 38,333; majority, 19,167.

Railroad Commissioner—Davidson, 225,908; Crane, 188,203; Grubb, 5,448; Davis, 4,017; Connelley, 7,404; Travis, 918. Davidson's plurality, 37,644; majority, 19,197.

The candidates are given in the following order as to party: Republican, democratic, people's, national democratic